

## Neil Munro's "John Splendid."

In a late publication of the Bookman, the leading journal of criticism of Great Britain, appears a symposium on Neil Munro's last novel "John Splendid." Mr. Munro is a cousin to Neil Munro, connected with the mechanical department of the A. C. Co's plant in Clifton, who, like his illustrious relative, is a Gaelic scholar, reading and speaking the language fluently. "John Splendid" is criticised as the truest and finest Highland romance writer since Scott. Scotland itself offers to the novelist one of the greatest fields for romantic literature. Its beautiful scenery, unsurpassed, wherein is pictured mountains and lakes whose narrowed waters reflect the lovely foliage growing on its banks, the charm of the tourist, the theme for the poet and nature's home for the painter. The topographical character of every country has its corresponding action upon the people inhabiting it, hence we find not only Scotch people rugged and strong physically but withal combining within them the gentler love of poetry, art and literature, besides possessing great qualities of mind that have placed them in the foremost rank if not at the head of the people of Europe. The very names that distinguish the different clans and individuals possess a poetical beauty—McGregor, Adair, McPherson, Colin, Campbell, etc.—that portrays to the hearer the character of the people; while the names of Scott and Burns will find a lodgment in the hearts of generations yet to come. From their literature have the themes of the greatest operatic music been written—German, Italian and French—Donizette's "Lucia," Boileu's "La Dame Blaache," and Mendelssohn's "Odes to the Hebrides," while the beautiful songs of Scotland are unsurpassed in their sweetness and simplicity. Who has not set enraptured while listening to "Robin Adair, Within a Mile of Edinburgh Town," and the loveliest of all, "Down the Burn Davy Lad." England's pride, her gardens, owe their beauty and perfection to Scotch heads and hands. In America, the descendants of the Scots have taken first rank in all the various callings, whether it be literature, business, or in the mechanic arts. The names of Rockefeller, Gould, Armour, Carnegie, Blair and Sinton in the business world; Grant and McPherson in the military; Bruce, Wallace, and others in literature, attest to

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the truth of this statement. The Era would advise its readers who love the grand, romantic school of Scotch novel writing, to read John Splendid, as they will find a store of pleasure awaiting them which will richly repay them. The book has had an enormous circulation throughout Great Britain and the United States.

## Street Sprinkler for Clifton.

The A. C. Co. has ordered a 600-gallon street sprinkler which will be here about the 10th of June. It will be paid for by subscriptions, and already the sum has reached \$250, the price for the sprinkler being \$425 laid down. The Era stated about three weeks ago that the question of a street sprinkler was being agitated, and now the news will be pleasing to all the citizens of Clifton without regard to race, sex or color. It moreover becomes a great necessity on account of the streets being formed from or covered with concentrates from the leach works, and when it becomes dry, dust and copper accumulate, which is both disagreeable and detrimental to the health. Sam Price has charge of the subscription list.

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## Church Services.

Clifton: Public worship at school house every Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock. Sabbath School at 2 p. m.

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